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GROUP 1764"

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IN RE APPLICATION OF :
RENZO BIGNAZZI, ET AL. : EXAMINER: NGUYEN, T. M.
SERIAL NO: 09/851,131 :
FILED: MAY 9, 2001 : GROUP ART UNIT: 1764
FOR: PROCESS FOR THE SEPARATION :
OF 2,6-DIMETHYLNAPHTHALENE
FROM MIXTURES CONTAINING IT

AMENDMENT UNDER 37 CFR 1.116

COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS
ALEXANDRIA, VIRGINIA 22313

SIR:

Responsive to the Final Office Action dated December 23, 2002, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the above-identified application **and the finality of the Office Action**, in view of the following amendment, Declaration under 37 CFR 1.132 of named coinventor Renzo Bignazzi (Bignazzi Declaration) **submitted herewith**, and remarks.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Discussion of the Amendment begins on page 5 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 6 of this paper.